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**Letter dated 4 March 2001 from the Permanent Representative of
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have been instructed to forward to you, herewith, the letter of His Excellency Mr. Srgjan Kerim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, dated 4 March 2001, and to request the convening of an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council, at which he will present an action plan of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia for measures for the cessation of violence and for lasting stabilization on the border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo section), and for the prevention of a spillover of violence into the Republic of Macedonia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Naste **Calovski**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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I would like to inform you of the latest very serious incident, which occurred this morning at 9 a.m., near Tanusevce, in which three soldiers of the Macedonian Army were killed, two by a landmine and one by a sniper. The soldiers were in a supply vehicle accompanied by an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) vehicle moving towards the Tanusevce watch tower when they ran onto the landmine, after which the extremists positioned there carried out the sniper attack.

At the urgent meeting held today between Mr. Boris Trajkovski, President of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Ljubeo Georgievski, Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, and Mr. Stojan Andov, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia, with the Ambassadors of EU and NATO countries and the representative of OSCE, the President proposed the following immediate actions to be supported by their respective Governments:

- Convening of an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council;
- Support by NATO and EU countries for immediate action to be undertaken by KFOR in order to clear the terrain of extremists on the Kosovo side of the border area near Tanusevce;
- Public support to be expressed for the right of the Republic of Macedonia to self-defence and preservation of its territorial integrity and sovereignty in a situation that endangers the entire region;
- Concrete implementation of the declaratively expressed concern with the preservation of the territorial integrity and stability of the Republic of Macedonia.

Based on the above, I request that an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council be convened, at which I intend to participate in order to present, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, an action plan for measures for the cessation of violence and for lasting stabilization on the border with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Kosovo section), and for the prevention of a spillover of violence into the Republic of Macedonia.

(Signed) Srgjan Kerim